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SUBJECT: SITREP - VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG

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- 1. MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES SINCE REFTEL, THE ONLY MOVEMENT OUT OF THE REFUGEE CAMPS HAS BEEN EIGHT MEMBERS OF A USN CHIEF PETTY OFFICER'S FAMILY (REFTEL, PARA 6.) THESE, PLUS THE COP'S SON WHO HAD BEEN RELEASED AS A TEMPORARY VISITOR IN HONG KONG SEVERAL DAYS AGO, WILL FLY TO GUAM WHERE THE CPO IS STATIONED TODAY. THE DANISH ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SOME 100 REFUGEES, PRIMARILY THOSE FROM THE CLARA MAERSK, WILL BE ACCEPTED TO DENMARK WAS GREETED VERY FAVORABLY IN THE LOCAL PRESS. TWENTY MORE REFUGEES ARE SCHEDULED TO FLY TO PARIS MAY 25 AND AT LEAST 150 MORE HAVE ALREADY MADE AIR RESERVATIONS FOR PARIS FOR THE NEXT WEEK. TOTALS AT THE CAMPS TODAY, HOWEVER, IS 3,728.
- 2. REFUGEES ON BOARD SHIPS THE HKG POLICY NOW IS TO DISCOURAGE ANY SHIPS CARRYING REFUGEES TO ENTER HONG KONG. EXCEPTIONS MIGHT BE MADE ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS, PRIMARILY BASED ON MEDICAL EMERGENCIES.
- 3. INS PROCESSING OF REFUGEES PROCESSING BY INS OFFICERS, BOTH THOSE SPECIALLY ASSIGNED FROM THE US AND THOSE REGULARLY ASSIGNED TO HONG KONG, CONTINUES APACE. THUS FAR, IT WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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APPEAR THAT ROUGHLY 10PERCENT OF THE VIETNAMESE

REFUGEES IN HK IMMIGRATION DETENTION MAY QUALIFY UNDER OUR CURRENT CRITERIA. AN ADITIONAL FACTOR, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN THE DOCUMENTATION OF CLAIMS TO BE RELATIVES AND/OR USG EMPLOYEES. WE ARE SEEKING ASSISTANCE ON THE FIRST FROM INS CENTRAL OFFICE RECORDS UNIT AND ON THE SECOND FROM THE DEPARTMENT (HK 5703). CROSS

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